



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5439

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**AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY EMPLOYMENT
ISSUES CONCERNING REGISTRIES IN THE HOMEMAKER AND
COMPANION SERVICES INDUSTRY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2012*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study whether registries, as defined in section 20-670 of the general
3 statutes, should be responsible for the payment of unemployment
4 insurance and workers' compensation coverage for the individuals
5 supplied, referred or placed by such registries. Such study shall
6 include, but not be limited to, an examination of (1) the impact that
7 requiring such registries to be responsible for such payments would
8 have on the availability of individuals to provide care for consumers in
9 need of homemaker or companion services, as defined in section 20-
10 670 of the general statutes, and (2) the ways in which other states
11 register or regulate such registries.

12 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
14 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
15 relating to aging and labor;

16 (2) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
17 each of whom shall be a representative from a registry;

18 (3) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who

19 shall be individuals who are supplied or referred to or placed with
20 consumers by a registry;

21 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
22 Representatives, who shall be a representative from a homemaker-
23 companion agency;

24 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
25 an individual who is employed by a homemaker-companion agency;

26 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
27 Representatives, who shall be a consumer or the legal representative of
28 a consumer who receives homemaker or companion services through a
29 registry;

30 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
31 a consumer or the legal representative of a consumer who receives
32 homemaker or companion services through a homemaker-companion
33 agency;

34 (8) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

35 (9) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, or the commissioner's
36 designee;

37 (10) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
38 designee;

39 (11) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the
40 commissioner's designee; and

41 (12) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee.

42 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (6) or
43 (7) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General
44 Assembly.

45 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
46 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be

47 filled by the appointing authority.

48 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
 49 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
 50 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
 51 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
 52 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

53 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committees of the
 54 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging and
 55 labor shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

56 (g) Not later than January 1, 2013, the task force shall submit a
 57 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
 58 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 59 relating to aging, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
 60 the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
 61 submits such report or January 1, 2013, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2012	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The phrasing in section 1(b)(2) was changed for clarity.

AGE *Joint Favorable Subst.*